

Appln No. 10/728,805
Amdt. Dated March 22, 2006
Response to Office Action dated February 08, 2006

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action has been carefully considered. It is respectfully submitted that the issues raised are traversed, being hereinafter addressed with reference to the relevant headings appearing in the Detailed Action section of the Office Action.

The Applicant has amended claims. The Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to the claim set are fully supported by the originally filed specification.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

At page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claim 1 and 7 as being anticipated by Hackleman (US Patent No. 5,734,394).

The Examiner has indicated that claims 2 to 6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

The Applicant has amended claim 1 with the subject matter of claim 2. Subsequently claim 2 has been cancelled and dependent claim 3 has been renumbered to be dependent on claim 1. The Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the claim rejection.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejections. The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance of all the claims presently under examination.

Very respectfully,

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